

The True Northerner.

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The first importation of cabbage into this country was made last week. A cargo of 8,000 heads were received at Baltimore from Holland.

David Davis, the President *pro tem* of the Senate, is almost a greenbacker.—*Herald*. Exactly. The chickens roost a little too high. We can almost reach them. Eh?

Mrs. Garfield is to have published at an early date, an account of the life of her late husband, which will contain an appropriate collection of the literary productions of Gen. Garfield.

Prof. King and Signal Officer Haslugin, after being drifted about in the air for several hours, landed in the woods in Wisconsin where they wandered for five days without food, but finally reached the mouth of the Flambeau river, and were taken in charge of by two hunters, who conducted them to Chippewa Falls.

Mr. William W. Astor has been nominated for Congress in the 11th N. Y. district, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Levi P. Morton, appointed Minister to France. He is a leader among the young men of wealth and social position. He has made a brilliant record as a member of state legislature, and will undoubtedly be elected to Congress.

The committee that has the soliciting of funds for the Garfield Memorial Hospital at Washington, has issued an appeal to pastors of churches of all denominations throughout the United States, and suggest that Saturday and Sunday, November 5th and 6th, or the nearest available days, be set apart for discourses and collections in all their places of worship.

We clip the following incident from the Paw Paw Herald, which gives Daniel Webster the credit of originating it: "When a currency is entirely based on currency, there are disasters and commercial failures." Jess so Brother Herald. When *hush* is based on *hush*, "what is we"? If the great Daniel ever uttered any such twaddle, he must have been a "little off."

All will remember the big stories told one year ago about the reduction of the public debt. The figures given then were that the debt was reduced to one billion seven hundred million dollars. Now the Secretary of the Treasury gives the debt statement for the quarter ending June 30 as \$2,089,962,227.33 exclusive of the \$54,622,512 of Pacific railroad bonds. Who told the lies?—Protest, Exeter, N. H.

Why the Protest did of course. Give us a harder one—this is too easy.

Through the kindness of Dr. Schetky we have come into the possession of a copy of the London Times, of Sept. 21st. In speaking of the death of our lamented President, it says: "At last, in spite of all, the fatal termination has come; and it is but the simplest truth to say that among Englishmen, this termination is regarded as hardly less than a national calamity. In all ranks, from the Queen to the peasant, there is the most heart-felt sympathy for the bereaved widow and the injured nation; and this sympathy has already been shown, not only in the metropolis and in the great centers of provincial activity, but throughout the whole realm."

The same paper also spoke in the highest term of Gen. Garfield as Chief Magistrate of the United States. The following extracts are from other English papers, and show what they think of us as a nation. Such language uttered in that country, a generation ago, would not have been tolerated by society, and condemned by the government. The London Spectator says:

"The week has been saddened for all English-speaking men. The Queen's unprecedented act in ordering mourning for one neither a sovereign nor a relative precisely expressed the universal feeling that an Englishman, who was in the place of a King, and worthy to rank with Kings, had passed away. It is not an exaggeration to say that, of the 83,000,000 people who now think in English, there are not fifty who would not have made some sacrifice to aid the late President in his struggle for life. This fact may yet affect the history of the world. All Englishmen are interested in the only Englishman who reigns by election, and solicited that he do nothing lowering an office that half of them feel must one day exist in England."

The Pall Mall Gazette says:

"The President of the United States exercises more direct personal power than the occupant of the English throne. He combines in his own person the most important functions of the sovereign and of the Prime Minister in constitutional States, and the transfer of the Presidential powers may easily be a much more serious matter than a change in the wearer of a crown. Yet this devotion of power was accomplished as quietly, with as little interruption to the business of the Republic, as if the seat that had been vacated and refilled had been that of a clerk in the post-office instead of being that of the Chief Executive of the most powerful Nation in the World."

One of the most pleasant affairs that ever transpired in our quiet little village, occurred at the Dyckman House on Monday evening of this week. It was the occasion of presenting to the Hon. Josiah L. Hawes, Circuit Judge of this judicial circuit, by the members of the bar of this county, a beautiful clock which the bar gave to his Honor as a token of the high regard and appreciation in which they hold him, who, for nearly seven years has acceptably presided over the Circuit Court of this county, and is now about to retire from the perplexing duties of the bench to private life. A meeting of the bar was held in room 17 at the Dyckman House—the import of which was wholly unknown to Judge Hawes—of which B. F. Heckert, Esq., was made chairman, and Chas. Fitch, Esq., was made secretary, and before his Honor was introduced to the meeting, the question of organizing a bar association of this county was discussed by the attorneys, and a committee appointed, composed of Judge Mills, Chas. Fitch and Judge Richards, to draft articles of association and present them to a bar meeting to be held at the Court House, on the evening of the second day of the next term of court. A committee was then appointed to wait upon Judge Hawes, and invite him to the room in which the meeting was held. It had been previously arranged by the unanimous consent of the members of the bar, that Hon. Geo. W. Lawton should make the presentation of the gift, which they had procured for him, which he did in the following pleasing and very acceptable manner:

Judge Hawes: The pleasant duty has been entrusted to me by the kindness of my associates of the Van Buren County Bar, to present to you a testimonial, selected for the purpose, I am permitted to say, by him who is to succeed you upon the bench, of the professional and personal esteem fairly won by you during the long years you have presided as Judge of this Circuit.

There is a proposition of law which I trust "The Court" will not hasten to overrule, that an *intest* must always be found to have occasioned the *act* brought under judgment, in order that the judgment rendered may defy a writ of error and remain a light in the dark and intricate affairs of life with which we have so much to do. But it is not required that the act shall rise to the importance of the intent manifested, nor that which we have so much to do. But it is not required that the act shall rise to the importance of the intent manifested, nor that which we have so much to do.

So in this matter we would not have you measure the kindness we entertain for you, nor the purpose of this presentation, by the market value of this useful ornament, but rather that it should be to you a "suggestion" of that which we cannot count out to you in money.

Please accept this gift and place it on some unoccupied spot in your study where, when withdrawn from the coarser occurrences of the day, your eye may fall upon it, and thus constantly have in mind, without change, the opinion which it is our purpose you shall hence bear away with you, of the entirety of the good-will entertained by the bar for you.

Perhaps this gift may effect other and personal service for you. It may aid you in casting off the *nightmare*—that darker brother of long habitude. For after you have laid aside the ermine, it is possible, at times, the will may close all the evidences of the body, and the *habitude* of the bench will come back to you and you shall deem yourself again presiding in court, watching a contest waged at the bar, for victory, with perhaps Brother Tabor at the front, with his long forefinger thrust forward, threatening all the consequences of a writ of error if his "I object" is not immediately sustained; or perhaps it is Brother Tucker deferentially declining to differ from the Court; or perhaps it is Brother Richards driving with rough power over his adversaries case, as the heavy mail goes over the stony highway; or may be, all of us, are there arrayed before you, persistently insisting upon distinctions in "Your Honor's" rulings, until worried and fatigued by this too realistic scene you gladly welcome the resonant bur-r-r of this timely monitor, and rouse yourself to "adjourn the court" and get away to "health and quiet and *loving* words" elsewhere.

Other scenes will no doubt come to you out of your long experience upon the bench. There will arise in memory the occasions where you have justly exercised the great power entrusted to a Circuit Judge of this State, to secure the innocent, right wrongs, and expose and punish the guilty—with which recollections probably we shall remain more or less associated.

On the whole, Judge, we are inclined to congratulate you that you are about to lay aside all the cares and responsibilities of this serious office, and are soon to be free to come and to go, where there is

"No doubtful balance of rights and wrongs, Nor weary lawyers with endless tongues," to fatigue you. And there you can meet with all upon the common plain of good fellowship, with no skeleton in the past to mar the happiness of the hour. And now, without further detention, please accept this memento of our regard.

The Court, for once at least, was somewhat embarrassed by the arguments of Counsel, but at length replied to the remarks of Judge Lawton, substantially as follows:

Mr. Chairman, and brethren of the Van Buren County Bar: You have a strangely reticent way of doing a very pleasant act. You have taken me completely by surprise; I heard some whispered hints this evening, of some complimentary design, but did not suspect your arrangements were so timely, or that you would engross through your speaker your commendations of my official conduct, in such beautiful phrases and to such flattering extent that modesty would

forbid my claiming the full merits of your praise, and so overcome and embarrass me as to prevent suitable reply. When I formerly came among you, occasionally in the practice of my profession, I flattered myself I could talk back pretty well, and return as good as was sent, and during my services on the bench I have always had the last word, but I was frequently helped to the fitness thereof by your arguments proceeding; you have me completely at fault and I should best acquit myself by saying, simply that I accept this elegant token of your friendship by application with grateful thanks. But perhaps more is expected, and it is fitting on this occasion that I should attempt to say more. Your speaker has beautifully and feelingly alluded to the long years which have been traced upon the dial since my election to the bench, and the changes which have taken place. Let me recall some portions of that past. It is well known that the office came to me unsought, and that when before the people, I wished another might be elected, but the compliment of the plurality of votes was given me, and Van Buren county aided largely in giving me that compliment. There were at that time, prejudices among you against me, owing to my residence at Kalamazoo, my long practice and friendship with its able bar, and perhaps from former unpleasant experiences, fears were entertained that my home friends would be specially favored; that prejudice and those fears have been overcome, as your kindness towards me has testified and your expressions to-night fully prove.

Owing to various causes, among which was the resignation of Judge Brown and the death of Judge Comstock, the business of your courts was then greatly in arrears. Now I have the satisfaction of voluntarily leaving the office with the business *fully up to time*, doubtless owing in part to the fact that I have been able to hold your courts regularly *on time*, and continuing them until every cause in readiness was heard. He said he did not speak of this for self-laudation, but had been largely aided by the bar in accomplishing this, by their industry and timely preparation of their cases. And I take pleasure in referring to another change to your circuit. Only a few years ago the bar of this county employed foreign counsel in the trial of nearly every case, now you have become self-reliant and only employ counsel in difficult and important cases, such as it would be imprudent to try alone. It is fondly hoped I may have aided to this result by friendly treatment of the junior members and otherwise. The Judge then urged upon the bar of this county, the necessity of establishing and maintaining a bar library in this county, and concluded by saying:

Allow me again to thank you for this beautiful and useful token of your friendship which I shall proudly place in my own home, and when I listen to the chime of its bell numbering the hours, fondly imagine it is the echo of your complimentary presentation. "well done, good and faithful servant." Again I tender you my sincere and heartfelt thanks.

The clock was an elegant one of French design. The frame was of beautiful, dark, highly polished Italian marble, with a panel on either end of light brown, or wine colored marble, and in the center of each panel was placed a raised lion's head, from each of which, on either side, was suspended a movable gilt handle. The works were of the finest manufacture, and the striking bell was of that sweet, mellow, silvery tone, which, when listened to at the midnight hour, in one's wakeful dreams, is just calculated to soothe him off to sleep again. Beneath the door in front on a plain, silver plate was inscribed, "Presented to Hon. J. L. Hawes, Circuit Judge, by the bar of Van Buren County, October 24th, 1881."

The company then repaired to the dining hall of the house, where an elegant supper had been prepared for them by "mine host," W. N. Johnson, in a manner in which he knows just how it should be done. The paraphernalia of the tables were perfect, and the slightest wish of each guest promptly received, either the personal attention of Mr. Johnson, or of one of his lady-like waiters, until every one seemed perfectly at home and at ease. After the inner man had been well supplied, B. F. Heckert, Esq., as chairman, called upon different ones present, and, as no formal toasts had been prepared, each speaker followed his own inclination and said what he deemed appropriate for the occasion.

Among those who were present, not members of the bar of this county, were Henry F. Severens, Esq., of Kalamazoo; Thornton Hall, Esq., of Buchanan; C. E. Heath, County Clerk; Sheriff Van Anken, Under Sheriff McCabe, C. E. Galligan, Esq., William J. Sellick and the editors of the *Courier* and *Northerner*.

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